

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

DEBRY ALLYN LA NEAR,

Plaintiff,

v.

FRANCES R. SLAY, et al.,

Defendant.

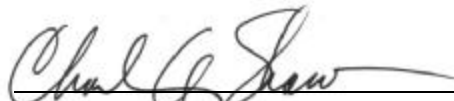
No. 4:06-CV-1198 CAS

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on a consent to jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge submitted by plaintiff. Under Section III.A. of the Administrative Procedures for Case Management/Electronic Case Filing, pursuant to Rule 73(b), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, such consents are treated as non-public documents until all parties have consented. See id. Under the circumstances of this case, however, which was initially assigned to a district judge and therefore is not within the scope of Rule 73(b), Fed. R. Civ. P., the consent should be publicly filed.<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Court shall publicly docket the consent to jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge filed by plaintiff.

  
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**CHARLES A. SHAW**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

Dated this 28th day of March, 2007.

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<sup>1</sup>Rule 73(b) states in pertinent part, “When a magistrate judge has been designated to exercise civil trial jurisdiction, the clerk shall give written notice to the parties of their opportunity to consent to the exercise by a magistrate judge of civil jurisdiction over the case, as authorized by Title 28, U.S.C. § 636(c). If, within the period specified by local rule, the parties agree to a magistrate judge’s exercise of such authority, they shall execute and file a joint form of consent or separate forms of consent setting forth such election.